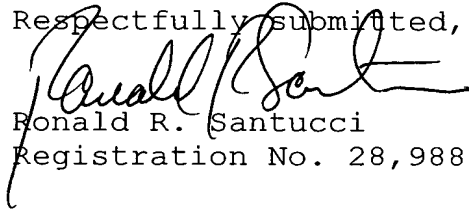


REMARKS

Initially, Applicant wishes to state that this application is entitled to small entity status. The claims of the above referenced application (as they have been amended in the international phase) have been amended to remove all multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an early examination of the application is respectfully requested.

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